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DROUGHT AND RESETTLEMENT

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NEWS RELEASE FROM SENATOR BARTLETT
JULY 7, 1975:

SENATOR DEWEY F. BARTLETT (R-OK) AND HIS FACT-FINDING TEAM,
VISITING BERBERA (SOMALIA) TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGED SOVIET
MILITARY FACILITIES, EXTENDED THEIR STAY TO VISIT REFUGEE
CAMPS AND GET A FIRST HAND LOOK AT THE DROUGHT-STRICKEN
NATION.

AT SENATOR BARTLETT'S REQUEST, THREE COMMUNITIES, REPRESENT-
ATIVE OF THE TWO CURRENTLY ACTIVE PHASES OF THE RESETTLE-
MENT PROGRAM, WERE VISITED. DURING THESE VISITS, COMMUNITY
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LEADERS, MEDICAL PERSONNEL, AND STUDENTS WERE INTERVIEWED

AT THE SITES. TOURS OF THE SITES PROVIDED DIRECT OBSERVATION OF THE LIFE IN THESE CAMPS AND SETTLEMENT AREAS. THE FIRST AREA VISITED IS ONE OF SEVERAL EMERGENCY CAMPS ESTABLISHED FOR DROUGHT-STRICKEN REFUGEES FROM NOMADIC TRIBES. THE OTHER TWO ARE AGRICULTURAL SETTLEMENTS WHERE THE MEMBERS OF THESE TRIBES ARE EXPECTED TO ESTABLISH PERMANENT RESIDENCE. SENATOR BARTLETT SAID:

"SOMALIA IS MAKING SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS UNDER PRECARIOUS CONDITIONS, IN THEIR DETERMINATION TO OVERCOME A NATIONAL CALAMITY. AFTER AN INITIAL LOSS OF AN ESTIMATED 15,000 LIVES TO A DROUGHT THAT DEVELOPED OVER THE COURSE OF SEVERAL YEARS, 250,000 OF THE ESTIMATED 900,000 PEOPLE AFFECTED HAVE BEEN FED, TREATED MEDICALLY, TAUGHT TO READ AND WRITE, AND ARE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING RESETTLED IN VARIOUS AREAS.

"COMMUNITY LEADERS AND MEDICAL PERSONNEL HAVE EFFECTIVELY ORGANIZED THIS EFFORT, WHICH IS BEING EXECUTED NOW. AT BER (BEAR) CAMP, SOME THIRTY-FIVE THOUSANDS REFUGEES FROM THE NORTHERN PARTS OF THE COUNTRY ARE BEING EVACUATED TO VARIOUS RESETTLEMENT AREAS AT THE RATE OF 1500 PER DAY, INCLUDING THEIR COLLAPSIBLE HUTS AND SURVIVING HERDS. THE SOVIET UNION HAS PROVIDED THE AIRLIFT OPERATION USING AN-12 TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT. AT THE RESETTLEMENT AREAS VISITED, THE RAPIDLY GROWING COMMUNITIES ARE BEGINNING THE FIRST STEPS TOWARDS INTEGRATION IN AN NEW ENVIRONMENT AND NEW JOBS.

"IN TWO SEPARATE VISITS WITH PRESIDENT SIAD HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE REAL REASON FOR THE INVITATION TO THE CONGRESS TO VISIT SOMALIA WAS TO POINT OUT THE REFUGEE PROBLEM THAT HIS COUNTRY FACED, NOT THE SOVIET FACILITIES AT BERBERA. PRESIDENT SIAD WAS VERY APPRECIATIVE OF THE FACT THAT OUR DELEGATION WAS ABLE TO EXTEND OUR VISIT AND DEVOTE ADDITIONAL TIME TO EXAMINE THIS SERIOUS PROBLEM.

"I NOW INTEND TO PREPARE A COMPLETE REPORT ON THE DIRE PROBLEMS FACING THE SOMALI REFUGEES, WHICH WILL RECOMMEND AID, AND ASK PRESIDENT FORD AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO

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